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## ABSTRACT

2        According to one broad aspect of one embodiment of the present invention,  
3        disclosed herein is a hand held oral irrigation device having a tip for dispensing  
4        fluids. In one example, an oral irrigation device includes a body portion, and a  
5        reservoir for storing fluids, wherein the body and/or the reservoir define a first  
6        major diameter at a lower end of the oral irrigation device, and define a second  
7        major diameter at an upper end of the oral irrigation device, the first major  
8        diameter being larger than the second major diameter. In this example, by  
9        providing such a geometry for the device, a user can grasp the device with one  
10      hand about the second major diameter during use. In another example, the body  
11      includes a pump for pumping fluids from the reservoir to the tip, wherein the  
12      pump includes an inlet valve and an outlet valve, the inlet valve including a reed  
13      valve made of flexible fabric material. The outlet valve may also include a reed  
14      valve made of flexible fabric material.

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